

**From:** Barb Eikost  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10 23 PM  
**Subject:** hearings on media

Mr. Chairman,

I implore you to hold further hearings regarding regulation of radio, television, the internet, etc. It is outrageous that the public has been kept "out of the loop" in these discussions. Please, for the sake of our democracy, extend discussion beyond June 2nd and invite open hearings so that citizens will have a chance to voice concerns or opinions.

I would urge you personally to reconsider your position and think of the implications that further deregulation of this industry will portend. Corporate ownership has already contaminated the communications industry. This must not be allowed to continue and expand unchecked.

Thank you

Barbara Eikost  
Perrysburg, Ohio

**CC:** Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

**From:** Belmont  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10 29 PM  
**Subject:** Media Monopoly

Dear Ms Abernathy

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,

Thomas Belmont  
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**From:** Dennis Jay  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10 32 PM  
**Subject:** Media ownership

Democracy is too fragile a thing to risk making a mistake with allowing for greater media consolidation. I urge you to take your time, foster a public dialogue and make this decision using the greatest amount of knowledge possible.

Media in all forms have become an even more dominant force in shaping our culture and our politics. This decision likely will be a major one that will influence the type of world U.S. citizens live in the remainder of this century.

Decide wisely - err on the side of prudence that more media concentration is less freedom for all.

- Dennis Jay  
Annapolis, Maryland

**From:** Lin Zucconi  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10:36 PM  
**Subject:** New FCC Rules and Reforms

Dear Commissioner Copps

I was very happy to observe your interview by Bill Moyers on PBS's NOW this evening. Mr. Moyers, by his courageous exposes of government and corporate malfeasance, continues to perform an essential service in the preservation of democracy using those precious public airwaves owned by each and every American citizen. These are the same airwaves that some of your commissioners, particularly your chair, Mr. Powell, wish to hand lock, stock and barrel over to a very few greedy monopolistic corporations. Doing so would destroy the ability of American citizens to hear and participate (via small independent broadcasters) in the diverse discussions of local, state, national and world issues necessary for the preservation of democracy.

I STRONGLY support your efforts to extend the public comment deadline regarding the impending rules changes regarding media ownership. And I strongly encourage you and your fellow commissioners to travel all around this country, from large cities to small towns and rural areas (such as mine) seeking comment from concerned public minded citizens.

Thank you very much for your diligent and conscientious performance of your duties as an FCC Commissioner.

With best regards,  
Lin Zucconi  
Truckee, CA

P.S. Below is a copy of the email letter I sent to you and some of your fellow Commissioners last October 25th.

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Dear Commissioners

As a citizen of this country, I am greatly concerned by FCC plans to essentially deregulate media ownership. To allow one organization to own several forms of media in any one geographic area will severely restrict free speech and freedom of information for citizens living in such an area.

Present FCC rules that restrict media ownership so that one company can not own several of print, television, radio or other media in one geographic area helps ensure that citizens can obtain multiple points of view and multiple diverse sources of information. Such simultaneously available multiple sources of information are essential to preservation of democracy. It is essential that citizens be well-informed on local, national and international issues from multiple points of view in order to participate in the democratic process.

Allowing only one or two organisations to control the major media in any one community will almost guarantee that these organisations will

- 1) be able to control the political agendas in the community, and
- 2) covertly control the voting patterns of local citizens in state and national elections

This would be a very dangerous outcome for the future of our democracy

Please do not further deregulate media ownership rules

Best regards,

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**CC:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, linz@snowcrest.net

**From:** Cathy Raphael  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10:36 PM  
**Subject:** FCC

Dear Commissioner Abernathy,

I believe that the FCC must ensure that communication networks are not controlled by fewer and fewer owners. Diversity in ownership provides diversity in points of view and competitive programming. This is in the public interest.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Raphael  
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**From:** Deborah Moldow  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10:41 PM  
**Subject:** Media Ownership

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing as a citizen concerned with the upcoming FCC decision regarding concentration of media ownership. The changes in regulation contemplated risk consolidating the major sources of public opinion on the most important issues affecting our lives strike me as very dangerous to the open society Americans cherish.

I urge the agency to maintain protections that provide citizens with viewpoints from a diversity of sources and enhance the marketplace of ideas. This diversity may not be natural to the capitalist instinct that governs corporations, yet it is essential to democracy. McDonald's may be the most successful restaurant chain in the United States, but it would be a disaster if it were the only choice in town.

I hope that the FCC will continue to limit a single corporation from dominating local TV markets or merging a community's TV stations, radio stations, and newspaper, or from controlling more than 35% of all TV households in the nation. These safeguards ensure that it is the public that owns the air waves and not the corporations. You represent us.

Thank you for considering my views.

Rev. Deborah Moldow  
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**CC:** Michael Copps

**From:** Jim  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10:47 PM  
**Subject:** Say NO to deregulation of FCC airwaves!!!!

From  
James Thies  
1208 Pecks Woods Dr  
New Brighton, MN 55112

Dear Commisisoner

Please delay the deregulation of the airwaves  
This will affect democray for the children of our future  
This should not be rushed There is no reason to rush it  
These are the citizens, the tax-payers, etc air-waves they  
need to be used to the benefit of educating and informing the  
people - not for maximum return on investment by big-media

Thanks you for listening  
James Thies



**From:** Karen Lind  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10 53 PM  
**Subject:** Prevent centralization of media

Dear Commissioner Copps

As the FCC considers new regulations regarding ownership of media in the United States, I urge you to make sure that you promote multiplicity of ownership, so that it is impossible for one or a few giant corporations to control the American media

Commissioner Copps we are already at a crisis point in this regard. Five giants own 90% of the media, and this has resulted in biased reporting and poor news coverage. Independence of view and analysis has suffered.

The FCC must take steps to encourage independent reporting and analysis and freer access to government news sources. Don't allow the American media to become monotonous and biased!

Sincerely,

Karen Lind  
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**From:** Tony Mansell  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10 55 PM  
**Subject:** Why Change Ownership Rules?

It seems to me that the fact the major news outlets have failed to cover the impact, fact of, and meaning of the proposed changes is sufficient indication that the changes are not in the best interest of the public!

A few for-profit companies controlling most of the news is a dangerous thing for democracy what possibly could motivate a change that would allow this?

Please don't choose money over freedoms!

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Suesec@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 10:56 PM  
**Subject:** Biennial Regulatory Review

As I understand the Biennial Regulatory Review of the FCC is to take place on June 2, 2003. At this time a vote will be taken on whether to change the law to allow a media group to own (or use our, the citizens of the US airways) a much larger portion of media outlets. This is an EXTREME disservice to the American People. Diversity in media is the only way in which the interests of all people can be served. I hope that each committee member thinks long and hard about how his/her vote will effect each citizen's access to a multitude of diverse opinions and programming. Keep our country free by letting more small individuals/groups rather than just a few extremely large groups control the media in our country.

Susan McCrady  
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**From:** Asa Foss  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 11:24 PM  
**Subject:** potential deregulations

Dear Commissioner Abernathy

I am concerned over the lack of public hearings regarding the proposed deregulations scheduled for a June 2 vote. A vast majority of the population, roughly 75%, have no idea that such drastic deregulation is up for discussion. Those few who are informed are very concerned that if the PUBLIC airwaves are deregulated, monopolies will form, as was the case of radio last decade, and all our information will be concentrated in the hands of the few, which would be devastating to democracy. I don't need to tell you how important information is to maintain healthy, informed citizens, whom are the solid foundation of a successful democracy. So I urge you to hold public hearings, both to inform and listen to the public, since this issue will have such a profound impact on their lives. The future of our country is truly at stake.

Sincerely,  
Asa Foss

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**From:** Sarah Maxwell  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 11:27 PM  
**Subject:** Public Service on the Airwaves

Dear Commissioner,

Please consider that the airwaves should belong to the people of the U S A

The airwaves should be used to provide public service

The airwaves should not be consolidated into the hands of media conglomerates

It is important to the future of the great freedoms embodied in the Constitution

I speak for the 260 million Americans who have the right to unbiased international, national, and local information

Vote on June 2 for the airwaves to provide public service It is essential to our democracy

Sincerely,

Sarah Maxwell

**From:** Breathe5@aol.com  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 11:28 PM  
**Subject:** Media deregulation

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to express my extreme dismay over the proposal to allow more media conglomeration

Please do not take the local flavor out of our news, and especially the local ability to hold people together and help during an emergency

More importantly, please allow freedom of the press to depend on truth and the search for truth rather than money and the bottom line of a financial statement

Thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely,  
Denise Troxell  
Boonsboro, MD

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**From:** Lenore Fernald  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 11:34 PM  
**Subject:** Decontrol of the Airwaves

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

Decontrol of our public airwaves is not the answer. Please remember, you have the fiduciary and moral responsibility to look after the interests of the nation, not the few large companies who would monopolize our communication networks.

Jeffrey C. Fernald  
Sarasota, Florida

**From:** Sue99p@aol.com  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 11:37 PM  
**Subject:** (no subject)

Dear Ms. Abernathy, I am very much concerned about the decision about to be made by the FCC concerning changing the rules of media ownership in this country. There has not been enough information disseminated to the public, or enough discussion on these historic changes. Democracy cannot exist without a free press, and the press will certainly be compromised if owned by a few companies whose main interest is profit. The airwaves belong to the American people, and should be treated as such. Do not change the rules!

Sincerely yours, Sue Petersen

**From:** Bo & Clay Mrozek & Ewing  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 11:39 PM  
**Subject:** Media rules change

Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy,

As a registered and active voter these past thirty years, I am appalled that someone who spends as much time during the day as I do listening to the news, still did not hear anything comprehensive about the vote you intend to participate in, in less than one month, until just recently. I have long since discarded the notion of a 'liberal press', what with the corporate consolidation of the various news agencies nationwide, and am now concerned--if not actually frightened--that the proof of such a consolidation of supposed checks and balances that is supposed to guarantee a free press, hasn't already been compromised, and is evidenced by my research that shows that only one national news program (other than NPR and PBS) has run a story on this life-altering potential change, and even that was a less than one minute bite.

These are not the media's airwaves, and to treat them as strictly a commodity is to endanger even further the existing and increasing monopolistic playing fields that our national business community has become, in general and specifically. To dismiss the public's input when it is your duty to represent not the corporate giants pressing this vote, but the public that is apparently being dismissed, proves the idea that modern America degrades farther and farther from Democracy, and becomes increasingly a government of the dollar, by the dollar, for the dollar. I plead with you to not continue this devil's slide into the hell that comes when Democracy is forsaken for any other master than the ones intended by Jefferson, Paine, and Franklin.

Thank You,

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**From:** Susan Maas  
**To:** Michael Copps, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner  
Adelstein  
**Date:** Fri, May 2, 2003 11 51 PM  
**Subject:** PLEASE do not loosen media ownership rules!

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of my entire family, I beseech you -- for the sake of competition, diversity of ideas, and DEMOCRACY -- which, contrary to what Mr. Powell contends, are timeless, fundamental American values -- PLEASE do not loosen media ownership rules!

And Mr. Copps -- we want to thank you for your dogged efforts to inform the public about the enormously important decision before the FCC next month. You have our heartfelt gratitude.

Sincerely,

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